

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>HOMEWORKS TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC</b>	)	
<b>COOPERATIVE</b> for approval of revisions to its	)	Case No. U-18168
Large Power Service Rate – Choice, Schedule	)	
CD-C and its Primary Service Rate – Choice,	)	
Schedule PSDS-C.	)	
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At the December 9, 2016 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman  
Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner  
Hon. Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

**ORDER**

On August 25, 2016, HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative (HomeWorks) filed an application requesting approval of revisions to its Large Power Service Rate–Choice, Schedule CD-C and its Primary Service Rate–Choice, Schedule PSDS-C.

HomeWorks notes that it is member regulated, pursuant to 2008 PA 167, MCL 460.36(2), of the Electric Cooperative Member-Regulation Act (Act 167) and the March 2, 2010 order in Case No. U-16185. HomeWorks further states that, although Act 167 exempts the company from Commission regulation of rates, charges, accounting standards, billing practices, and terms and conditions of service, the Commission retains jurisdiction for matters involving customer choice. Therefore, HomeWorks requests Commission approval to revise its Large Power Service Rate–Choice, Schedule CD-C, and its Primary Service Rate–Choice, Schedule PSDS-C.

HomeWorks' requested rate revisions to its Large Power Service Rate–Choice-Schedule CD-C (Sheet No. D-20.01) are as follows:

Demand Charge:	\$3.39 per kilowatt (kW)
Variable Distribution Charge:	\$.01120 per kilowatt-hour (kWh)

HomeWorks' requested rate revisions to its Primary Service Rate-Choice-Schedule PSDS-C (Sheet No. D-21.00) are as follows:

Billing Demand Charge:	\$6.70/kW
Demand Minimum Charge	\$2.22/kW
Variable Distribution Charge:	\$0.0000/kWh

Finally, HomeWorks requests *ex parte* approval because no customers take service under the affected rates.

The Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed HomeWorks' application and tariff sheets and supports Commission approval of the company's proposed choice rate adjustments. The Staff states that the company properly calculated the choice rates for CD-C and PSDS-C according to its cost of service study.

The Commission reviewed the application and finds that the revisions to Homeworks' Large Power Service Rate–Choice, Schedule CD-C and its Primary Service Rate–Choice, Schedule PSDS-C are reasonable and in the public interest. Because no customers take service under the affected rates, the revisions will not increase the cost of service to customers, and therefore *ex parte* approval is appropriate.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative's proposed tariff revisions to its Large Power Service Rate–Choice, Schedule CD-C, and its Primary Service Rate–Choice, Schedule PSDS-C, attached as Attachment A, are approved.

B. Within 30 days of the date of this order, HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative shall file tariff sheets essentially the same as those attached as Attachment A.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so by the filing of a claim of appeal in the Michigan Court of Appeals within 30 days of the issuance of this order, under MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel. Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at [mpscedockets@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscedockets@michigan.gov) and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General - Public Service Division at [pungp1@michigan.gov](mailto:pungp1@michigan.gov). In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

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Norman J. Saari, Commissioner

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Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

By its action of December 9, 2016.

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Kavita Kale, Executive Secretary

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**LARGE POWER SERVICE RATE - CHOICE**  
**SCHEDULE CD-C (Contd)**  
**(Continued from Sheet No. D-20.00)**

Demand Charge: \$3.39 per kW

Variable Distribution Charge: \$0.01120 per kWh

Energy Optimization Surcharge:  
This rate is subject to the Energy Optimization Surcharge.

Determination of Billing Demand

The billing demand shall be the maximum kilowatt demand established by the Member-Consumer for any period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes during the month for which billing is rendered, as indicated or recorded by a demand meter.

Minimum Charge

The minimum charge shall not be less than the Monthly Availability Charge plus the Demand Charge times 200 kW, plus the Energy Optimization Surcharge amount. The monthly minimum charge may be increased, in accordance with the Cooperative's rules and regulations, in those cases in which a greater than average investment is necessary in order to serve an account under this schedule, in those cases in which maximum demand is highly seasonal in nature, and those cases in which the member's equipment causes high demands or short time duration or of intermittent nature.

Bill Rendered Annually

Upon mutual agreement of the Cooperative and the Member-Consumer, the bills for service provided under this rate schedule may be rendered annually. Though rendered by the Cooperative in such a manner, the bills will be calculated using the Schedule CD-Choice rate applied to the Member-Consumer's monthly consumption.

Terms of Payment

- A. A one-time late payment charge of five percent of the unpaid balance, net of taxes, will be assessed on any bill which is delinquent.
- B. Monthly bills are due and payable on or before the due date listed on the bill.

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**PRIMARY SERVICE RATE - CHOICE  
SCHEDULE PSDS-C**

Availability:

Subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Cooperative and its *Retail Access Service Tariff*, this schedule is available to Member-Consumers eligible to be taking service under the Cooperative's Primary Service Rate, Schedule PSDS. Service under this rate is for delivery of power from the Point of Distribution Receipt to the Point of Distribution Delivery and is subject to the following conditions:

- A. The Member-Consumer must have a Maximum Demand of at least one (1) MW. Individual Member-Consumers receiving demand metered service at multiple metering points and eligible to be taking service under the Cooperative's Schedule CD or Schedule PSDS may achieve the one (1) MW Maximum Demand threshold by aggregating or summing the Maximum Demands for each metering point occurring during a single month. The applicable rate schedule will apply to all aggregated metering points on an individual account basis.
- B. The Member-Consumer must enter a Retail Access Service Agreement with the Cooperative.
- C. The transmission of power to the Distribution Point of Receipt and all related costs shall be the responsibility of the Member-Consumer and/or Alternative Electric Supplier (AES).
- D. The Member-Consumer must agree to purchase any default energy delivered pursuant to Schedule RASS-Retail Access Standby Service in addition to the service specified herein.

Billing Rate

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